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GOVERNOR NAMES NEW DIRECTOR OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES George Seitts to assume post later this month

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano today announced her selection of George Seitts as the new director of the Arizona Department of Weights and Measures. He succeeds Art Macias, who took over as director of the State Lottery.

"George will be a great asset to the Department of Weights and Measures," Governor Napolitano said. "His commitment to public service is remarkable, and his wide range of experience will benefit Arizona's consumers well."

Seitts, a long time Arizona resident, began his career in public service working for Senator Barry Goldwater. During his years with Senator Goldwater, he directed and analyzed legislative and regulatory issues for commerce, energy, transportation and U.S. military academies. He served on Senator Goldwater's Staff from 1969-1980. Seitts has held various government relations positions at both private and government organizations, including Conoco Phillips and the Eisenhower Group, Inc. In 2004, he became director of the Energy Office in the Arizona Department of Commerce.

Seitts' contributions to the community include serving on the Governor's Essential Services Task Force, the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, and Arizonans for Cultural Development.

Seitts will begin his work at Weights and Measures later this month. His permanent appointment is subject to senate confirmation. His salary is \$101,000.